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In re application of

Edwin Southern

Serial No. 09/422,803

: Group Art Unit 1631

Filed October 22, 1999

: Examiner A. Marschel

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ANALYSING POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 27, 2001, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

C1

23. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, comprising between 72 and  $1.1 \times 10^{12}$  cells.

C2

30. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 26, comprising between 72 and  $1.1 \times 10^{12}$  cells.